

# From the Upper Chamber



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## Report for Wednesday, January 30, 2008

The eighth day of the 2008 legislative session was called to order by Lieutenant Governor **Casey Cagle**.

Senator **Don Balfour** of the 9<sup>th</sup> stated that the journal had been read and was found to be correct.

Senate Bills 373-382, 384 and 385, Senate Resolutions 767 and House Bill 908 were read for the first time and assigned to committees.

Sen. **Bill Jackson** of the 24<sup>th</sup> led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then introduced the *Chaplain of the Day*, Reverend **Mark Taylor** of Friendship Methodist Church in Augusta, who led the Senate in the daily devotional.

Lt. Gov. **Cagle** recognized the Medical Association of Hall County seated in the Senate gallery.

Sen. **Jeff Mullis** of the 53<sup>rd</sup> took the well on a Point of Personal Privilege to announce the completion and availability of the Joint Transportation Study Committee report.

Sen. **John Bulloch** of the 11<sup>th</sup> took the well on a Point of Personal Privilege to remind everyone of the United Way reception at the Georgia Freight Depot tonight.

Sen. **John Douglas** of the 17<sup>th</sup> took the well on a Point of Personal Privilege to remind everyone to visit the State of the Arts Exhibit in the Capitol rotunda. The exhibit features portraits of U.S. soldiers from Georgia, who lost their lives in the line of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Sen. **Ross Tolleson** of the 20<sup>th</sup> took the well to invite the Senate to a lunch sponsored by the Georgia Forestry Commission.

SR 779, declaring today as Future Not a Past Day at the Capitol, was read and adopted.

Sen. **Balfour** took the rostrum to speak to the resolution. He recognized members of the Future Not a Past organization seated in the gallery.

Lt. Gov. **Cagle** recognized the wives of Sens. **Lee Hawkins** of the 49<sup>th</sup> and **Bill Heath** of the 31<sup>st</sup>, who were present in the Senate chamber

Sen. **Preston Smith** of the 52<sup>nd</sup> took the rostrum to introduce the *Doctor of the Day*, Dr. **Bill Burk** of Rome.

The Consent Calendar for Privileged Resolutions, consisting of SR 762-766 and 768-780 was adopted.

Sergeant-at-Arms **Lorenzo Wallace** then escorted Senators **Dan Moody** of the 56<sup>th</sup>, **Cecil Staton** of the 18<sup>th</sup>, **David Shafer** of the 48<sup>th</sup> and others and their guests, the Intel Science and Engineering Fair Host Committee, to the rostrum. The clerk read SR 700 honoring the committee, and Sen. **Moody** spoke to the resolution.

Sen. **Jack Hill** of the 4<sup>th</sup> took the rostrum to recognize the Blue Key Honor Society of the University of Georgia.

SR 728, commending the Good News Clinic in Gainesville and recognizing the physicians and dentists associated with the clinic, and SR 729, commending the Health Access Initiative in Hall County, were read and adopted.

Sen. **Hawkins** took the rostrum to speak to the resolutions. He recognized the representatives of the Georgia Dental Association seated in the Senate gallery.

SR 743, recognizing the Georgia Forestry Commission, was read and adopted.

Sen. **Greg Goggans** of the 7<sup>th</sup> took the rostrum to speak to the resolution and commend the work of the Forestry Commission officers.

The clerk of the Secretary read SR 782, which outlines the upcoming schedule of the General Assembly.

Majority Leader **Tommie Williams** of the 19<sup>th</sup> took the well to discuss the upcoming schedule of the Senate, which was outlined in SR 782.

SR 782 was adopted by a vote of 39 to 0.

Sen. **Shafer** moved that SR 748 be withdrawn from the Health and Human Services Committee and be recommitted to the Government Oversight Committee. The resolution urges the Grady Health System to adopt changes to its employee health benefits plan and to require or encourage its employees to utilize the Grady Health System for primary health care. There was no objection.

Following the announcements, Majority Leader **Tommie Williams** of the 19<sup>th</sup> moved the Senate stand adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 31.

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